

## AMENDMENTS

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the following claims:

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Claim 1. (Thrice amended) A method for preventing contamination of a surface of a drum drier used in a paper machine comprising the step of continuously supplying a surface treatment agent from a spray nozzle at a spray rate of 0.3 to 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> per min directly to only the surface of the drum drier in rotation, facing a paper strip, while the paper strip is fed by the paper machine, wherein the surface treatment agent is prepared by emulsifying oil by the agency of a surfactant, and wherein the paper strip is not stained by the release agent.

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Claim 4 (Thrice amended) A method of preventing contamination of a surface of a drum drier used in a paper machine, said method comprising the following steps 1) to 5):

- 1) supplying oil from a spray nozzle directly to only the surface of the drum drier in rotation, facing a paper strip, while the paper strip is fed by the paper machine;
- 2) filling up recesses in microscopic asperities on the surface of the drum drier with the continuing supply of an oil;
- 3) forming a thin oil film on the surface of the drum drier with the recesses of the microscopic asperities thereof already filled up by the continuing supply of the oil;
- 4) transferring the oil to the paper strip by keeping the drum drier and the paper strip pressed into contact with each other, depleting the oil film, wherein the paper strip is not stained by the oil; and